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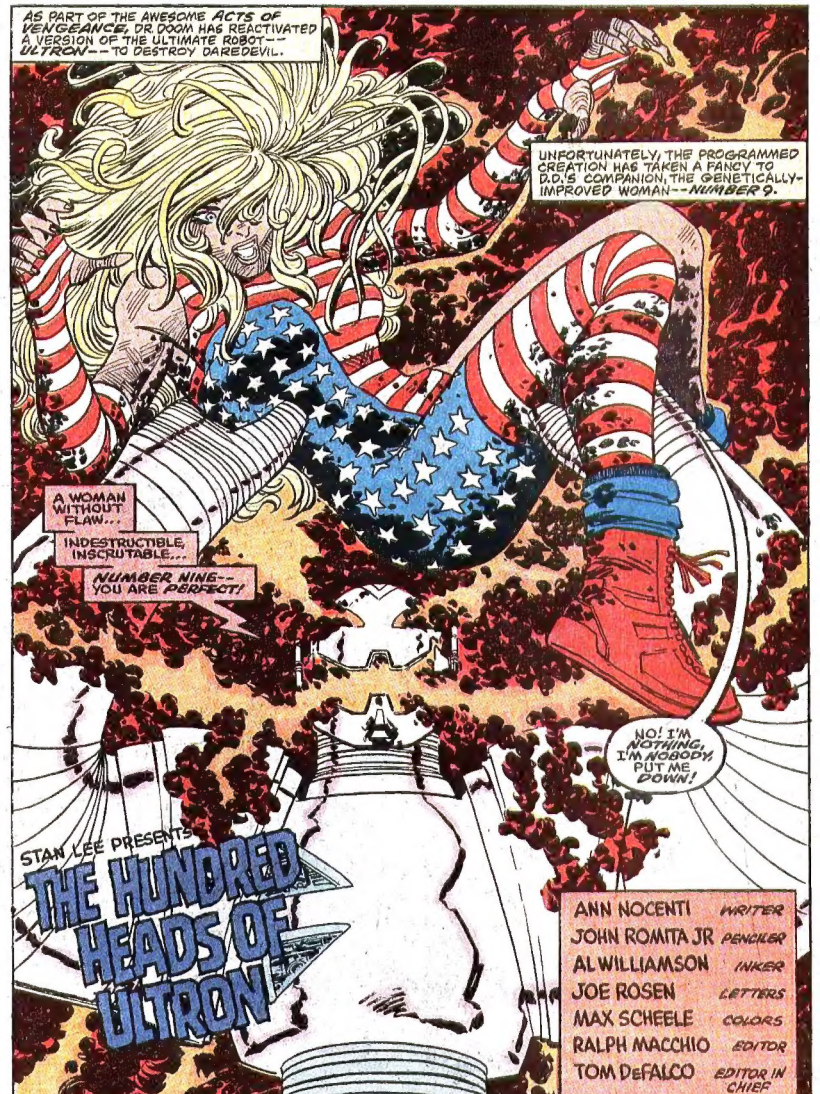

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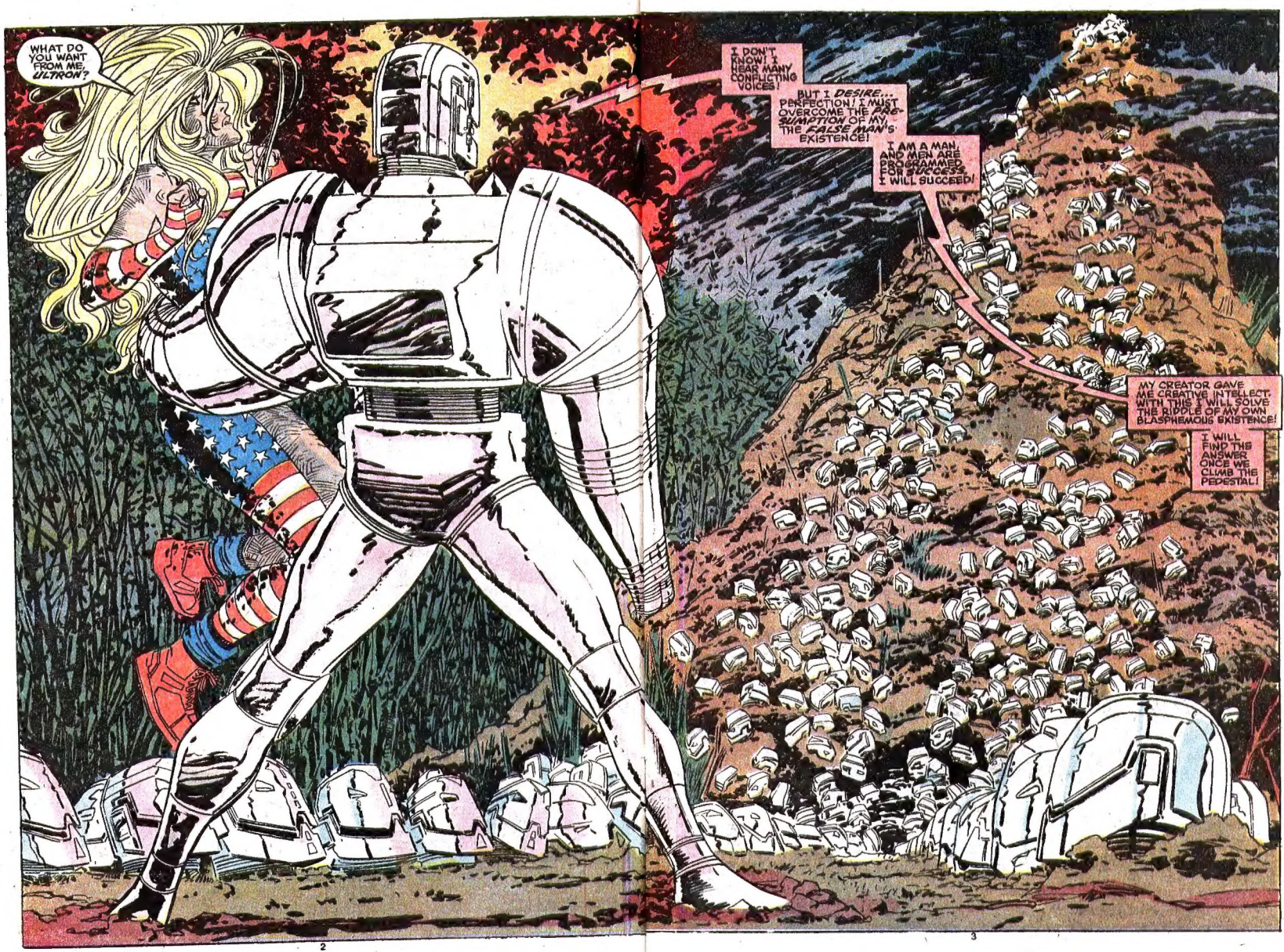
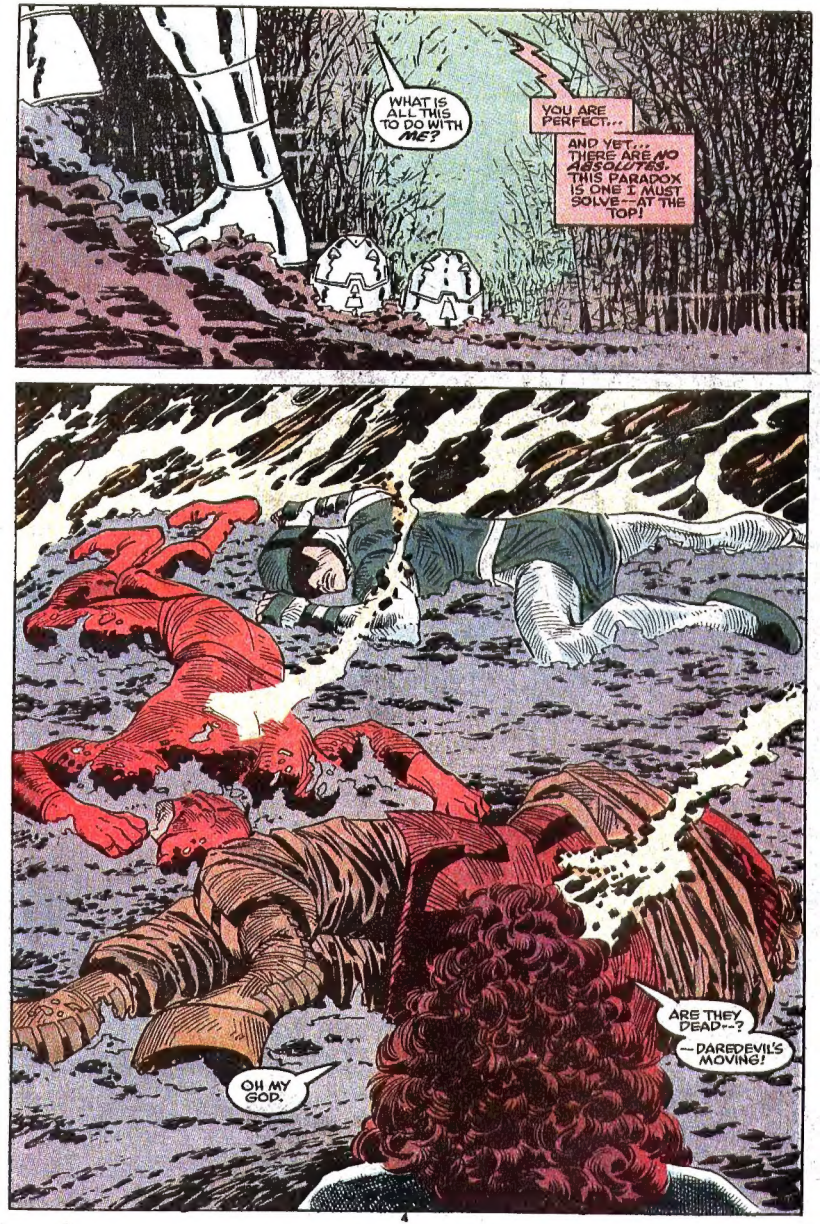
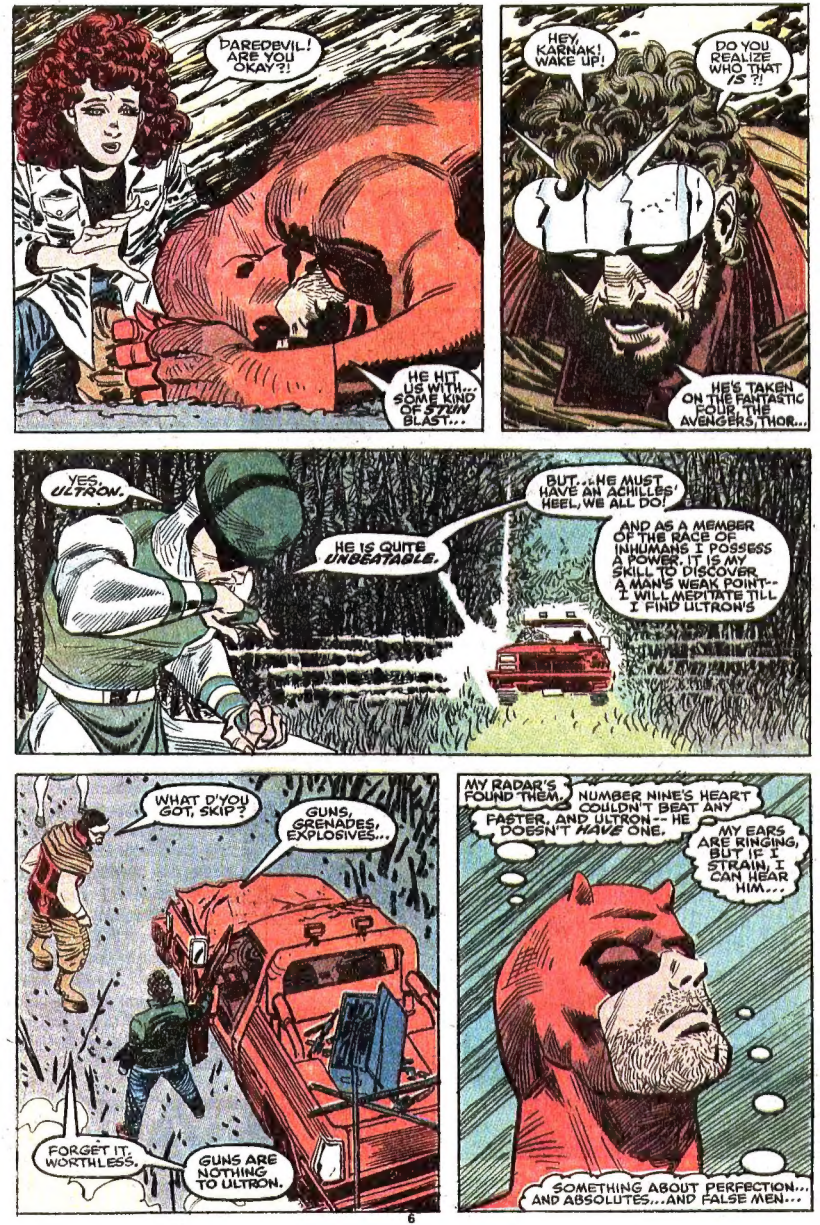
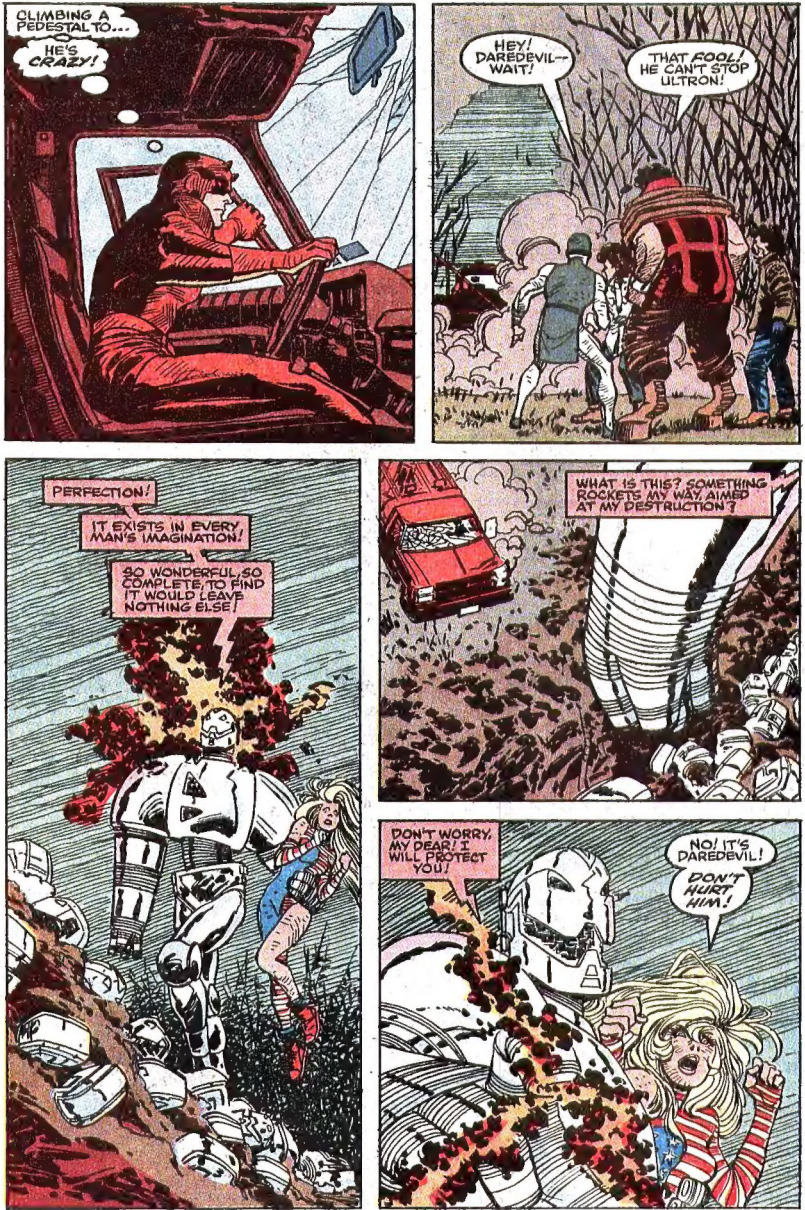
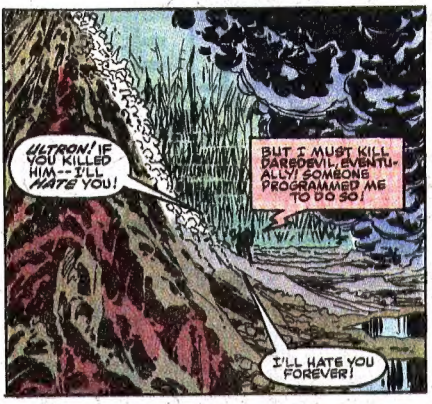

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME, ULTRON?
I DON'T KNOW! I HEAR MANY CONFLICTING VOICES!
BUT I DESIRE... PERFECTION! I MUST OVERCOME THE PRE-SUMPTION OF MY... THE FALSE MAN'S EXISTENCE!
I AM A MAN AND MEN ARE PROGRAMMED FOR SUCCESS. I WILL SUCCEED!
MY CREATOR GAVE ME CREATIVE INTELLECT. WITH THIS I WILL SOLVE THE RIDDLE OF MY OWN BLASPHEMOUS EXISTENCE!
I WILL FIND THE ANSWER ONCE WE CLIMB THE PEDESTAL!

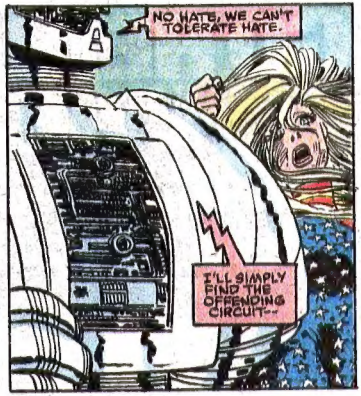

WHAT IS ALL THIS TO DO WITH ME?
YOU ARE PERFECT...
AND YET... THERE ARE NO ABSOLUTES. THIS PARADOX IS ONE I MUST SOLVE--AT THE TOP!
OH MY GOD.
ARE THEY DEAD--?
--DAREDEVIL'S MOVING!

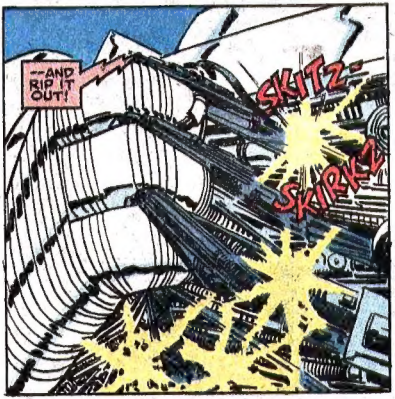

DAREDEVIL! ARE YOU OKAY?!
HE HIT US WITH... SOME KIND OF STUN BLAST...
HEY, KARNAK! WAKE UP!
DO YOU REALIZE WHO THAT IS?!
HE'S TAKEN ON THE FANTASTIC FOUR, THE AVENGERS, THOR...
YES, ULTRON.
HE IS QUITE UNBEATABLE.
BUT...HE MUST HAVE AN ACHILLES' HEEL, WE ALL DO!
AND AS A MEMBER OF THE RACE OF INHUMANS I POSSESS A POWER... IS MY SKILL TO DISCOVER A MAN'S WEAK POINT-- I WILL MEDITATE TILL I FIND ULTRON'S
WHAT D'YOU GOT, SKIP?
GUNS, GRENADES, EXPLOSIVES...
FORGET IT. WORTHLESS.
GUNS ARE NOTHING TO ULTRON.
MY RADAR'S FOUND THEM.
NUMBER NINE'S HEART COULDN'T BEAT ANY FASTER, AND ULTRON -- HE DOESN'T HAVE ONE.
MY EARS ARE RINGING, BUT IF I STRAIN, I CAN HEAR HIM...
SOMETHING ABOUT PERFECTION... AND ABSOLUTES...AND FALSE MEN...


CLIMBING A PEDESTAL TO...
HE'S CRAZY!
HEY! DAREDEVIL--WAIT!
THAT FOOL! HE CAN'T STOP ULTRON!
PERFECTION!
IT EXISTS IN EVERY MAN'S IMAGINATION!
SO WONDERFUL, SO COMPLETE, TO FIND IT WOULD LEAVE NOTHING ELSE!
WHAT IS THIS? SOMETHING ROCKETS MY WAY, AIMED AT MY DESTRUCTION?
DON'T WORRY, MY DEAR! I WILL PROTECT YOU!
NO! IT'S DAREDEVIL! DON'T HURT HIM!

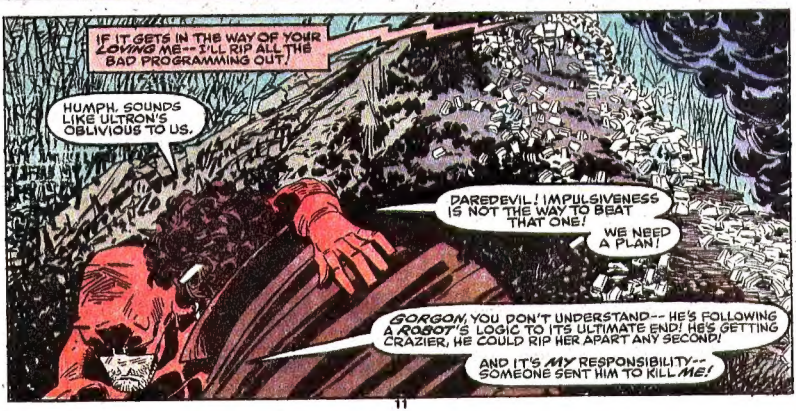
GOT TO TIME THIS PERFECT... WAIT TILL THE LAST INSTANT...
SKKITTZZ!
SK-
ZPOW!

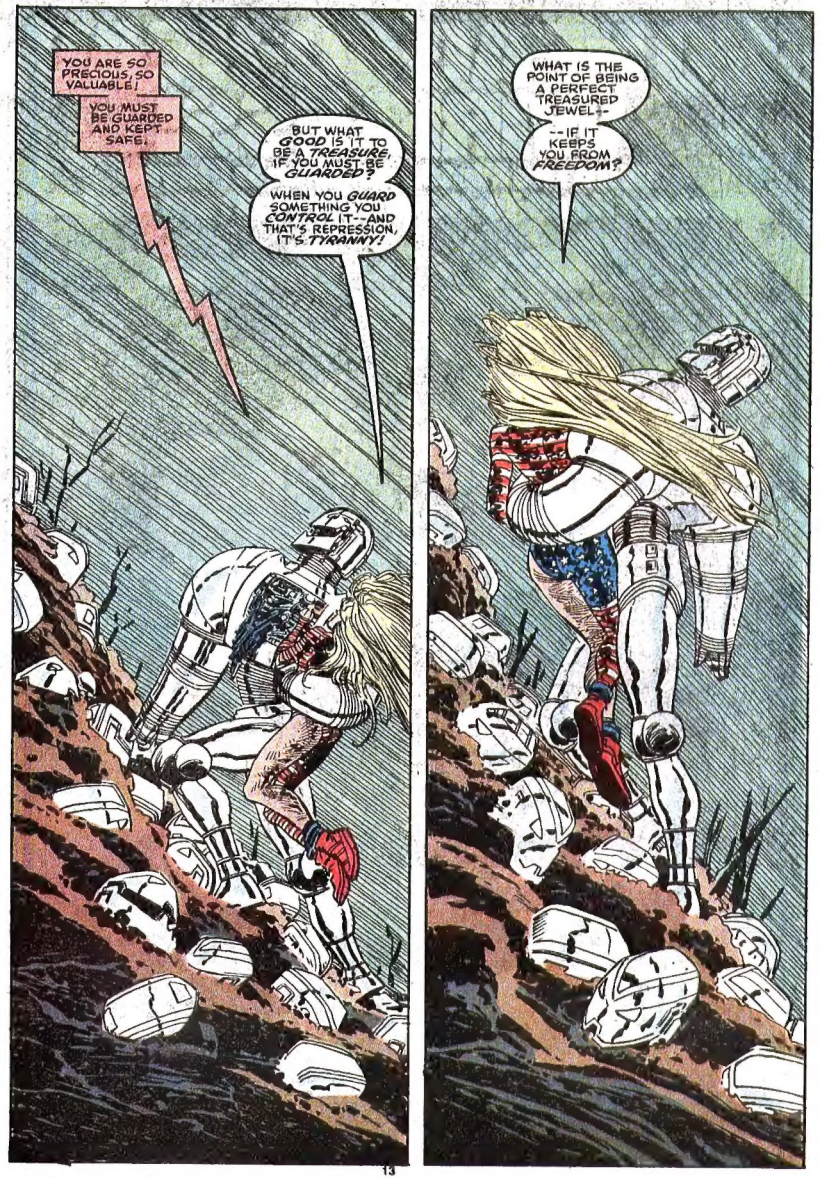

ULTRON! IF YOU KILLED HIM--I'LL HATE YOU!
BUT I MUST KILL DAREDEVIL, EVENTUALLY! SOMEONE PROGRAMMED ME TO DO SO!
I'LL HATE YOU FOREVER!

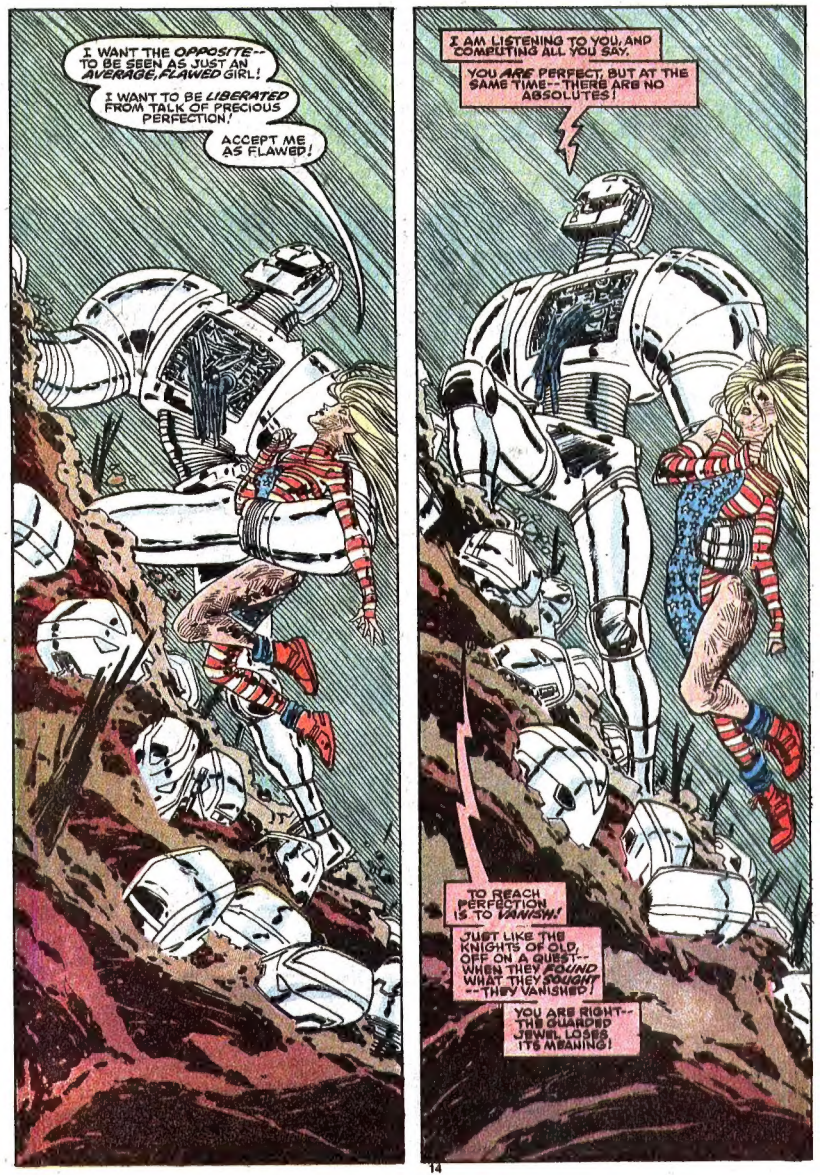

NO HATE, WE CAN'T TOLERATE HATE.
I'LL SIMPLY FIND THE OFFENDING CIRCUIT--

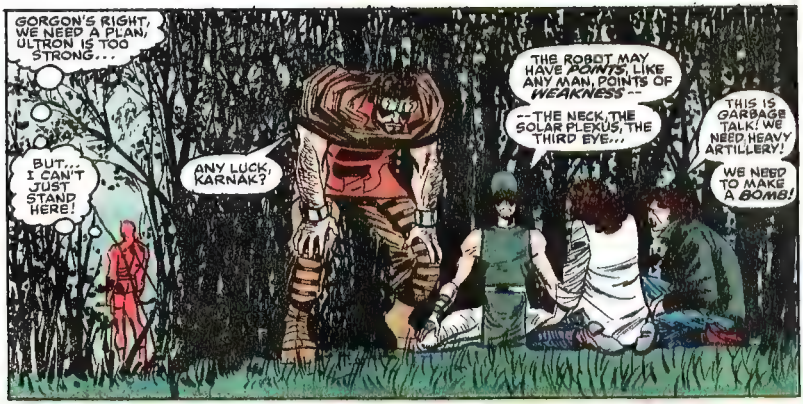

--AND RIP IT OUT!
SKITZ--
SKIRK!

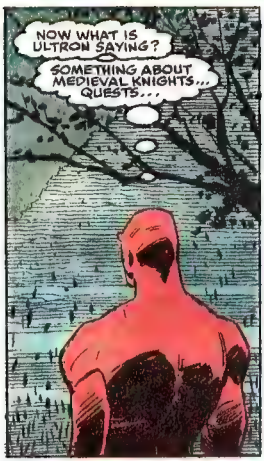
THERE HE IS!
GOT TO SNEAK HIM AWAY, BEFORE ULTRON SEES ME!


IF IT GETS IN THE WAY OF YOUR LOVING ME--I'LL RIP ALL THE BAD PROGRAMMING OUT!
HUMPH. SOUNDS LIKE ULTRON'S OBLIVIOUS TO US.
DAREDEVIL! IMPULSIVENESS IS NOT THE WAY TO BEAT THAT ONE!
WE NEED A PLAN!
GORGON, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND-- HE'S FOLLOWING A ROBOT'S LOGIC TO ITS ULTIMATE END! HE'S GETTING CRAZIER, HE COULD RIP HER APART ANY SECOND!
AND IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY-- SOMEONE SENT HIM TO KILL ME!


YOU ARE SO PRECIOUS, SO VALUABLE!
YOU MUST BE GUARDED AND KEPT SAFE!
BUT WHAT GOOD IS IT TO BE A TREASURE, IF YOU MUST BE GUARDED?
WHEN YOU GUARD SOMETHING YOU CONTROL IT--AND THAT'S REPRESSION, IT'S TYRANNY!
WHAT IS THE POINT OF BEING A PERFECT TREASURED JEWEL--
--IF IT KEEPS YOU FROM FREEDOM?

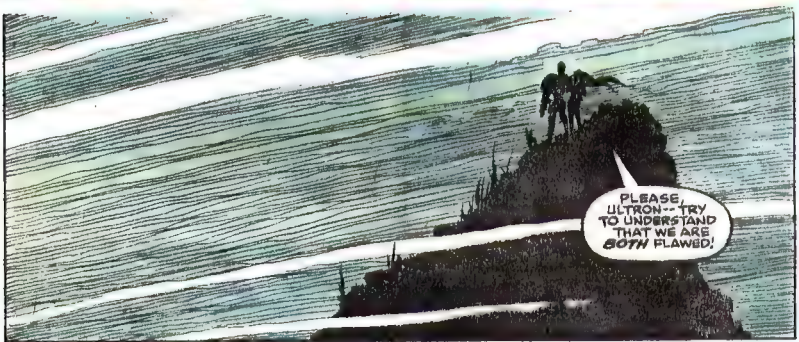

I WANT THE OPPOSITE--TO BE SEEN AS JUST AN AVERAGE, FLAWED GIRL!
I WANT TO BE LIBERATED FROM TALK OF PRECIOUS PERFECTION!
ACCEPT ME AS FLAWED!
I AM LISTENING TO YOU, AND COMPUTING ALL YOU SAY.
YOU ARE PERFECT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME--THERE ARE NO ABSOLUTES!
TO REACH PERFECTION IS TO VANISH!
JUST LIKE THE KNIGHTS OF OLD, OFF ON A QUEST--WHEN THEY FOUND WHAT THEY SOUGHT --THEY VANISHED!
YOU ARE RIGHT--THE GUARDED JEWEL LOSES ITS MEANING!

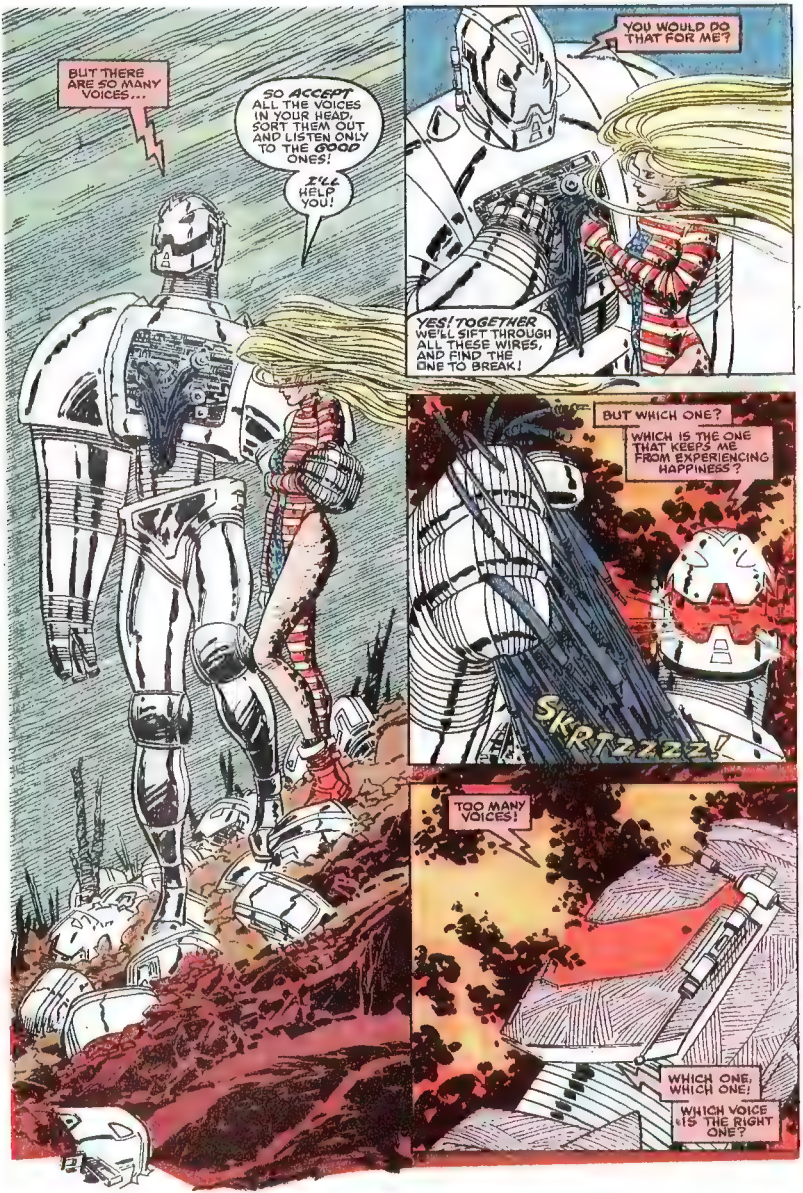

GORGON'S RIGHT, WE NEED A PLAN, ULTRON IS TOO STRONG...
BUT... I CAN'T JUST STAND HERE!
ANY LUCK, KARNAK?
THE ROBOT MAY HAVE *POWER*, LIKE ANY MAN, POINTS OF *WEAKNESS*--
--THE NECK, THE SOLAR PLEXUS, THE THIRD EYE...
THIS IS GARBAGE TALK! WE NEED HEAVY ARTILLERY!
WE NEED TO MAKE A *BOMB*!

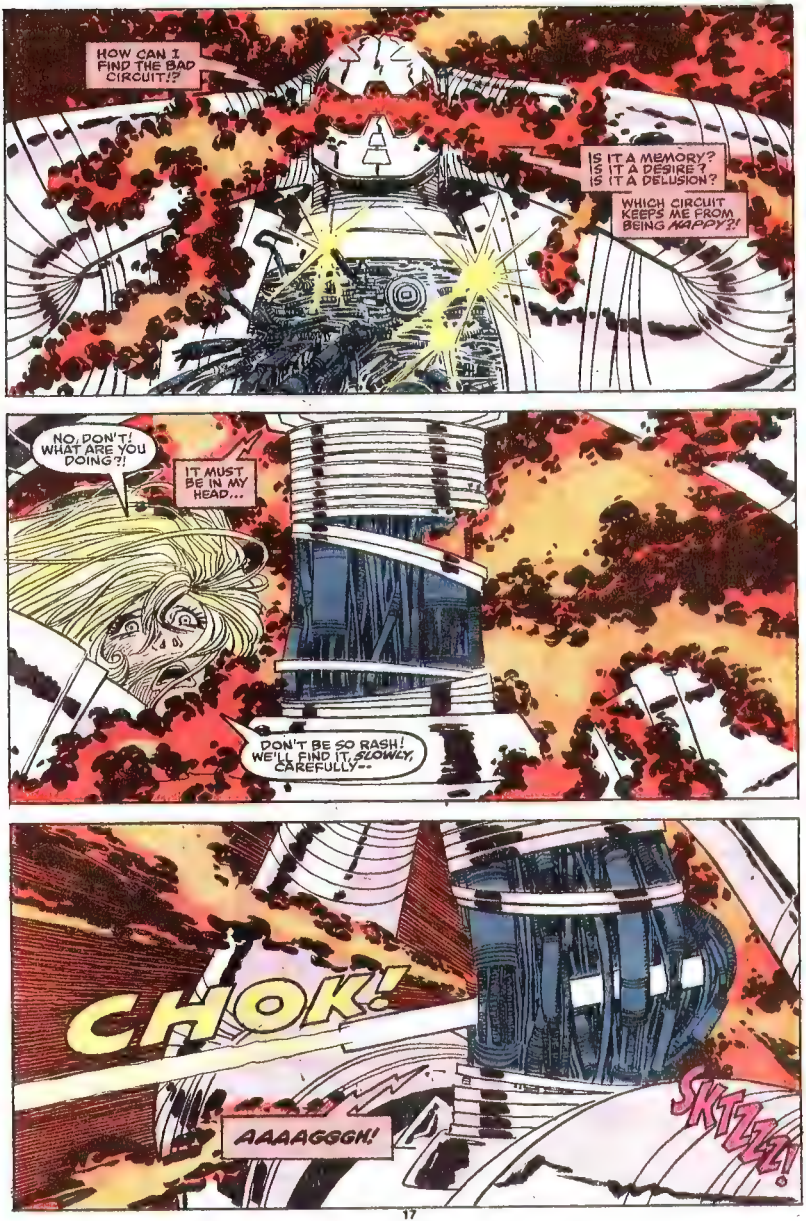

NOW WHAT IS ULTRON SAYING?
SOMETHING ABOUT MEDIEVAL KNIGHTS... QUESTS...

REACH PERFECTION AND YOU VANISH?
ULTRON MEANS TO KILL HER. I'M SURE.

I'VE GOT TO *DO* SOMETHING.

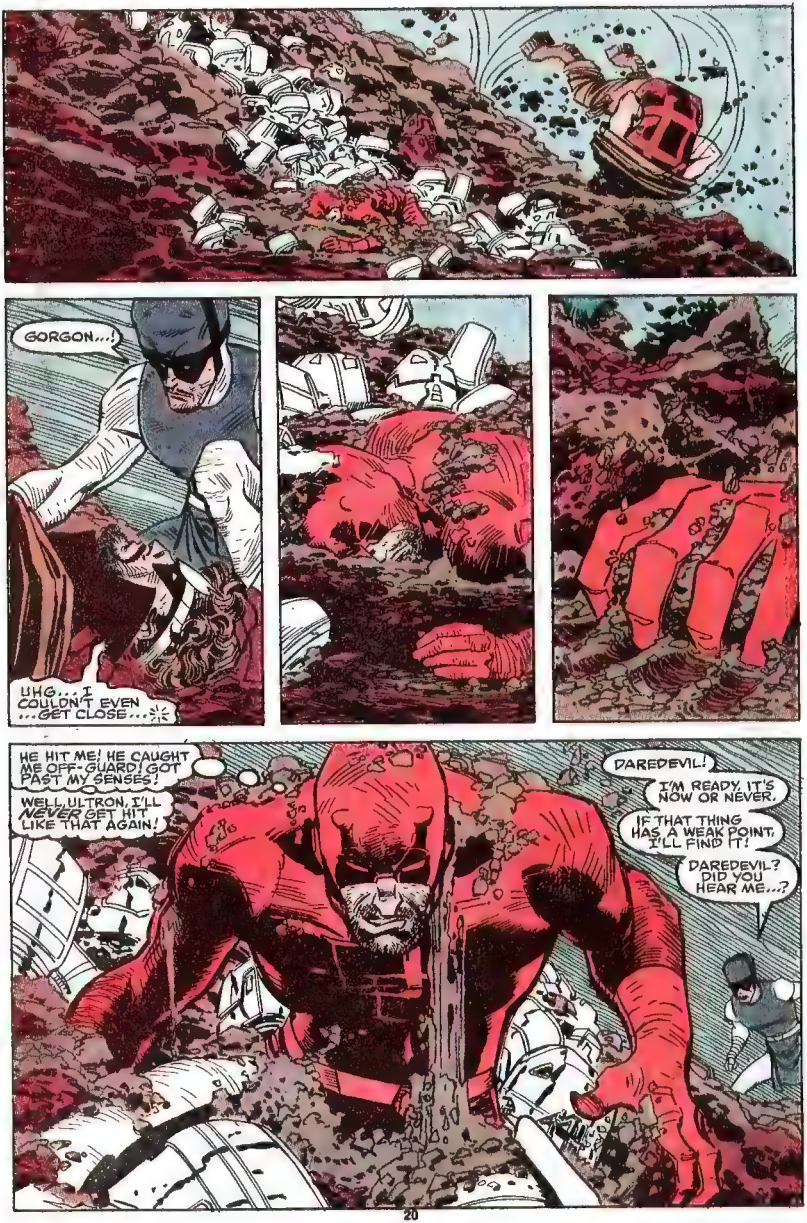

PLEASE, ULTRON-- TRY TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE *BOTH* FLAWED!

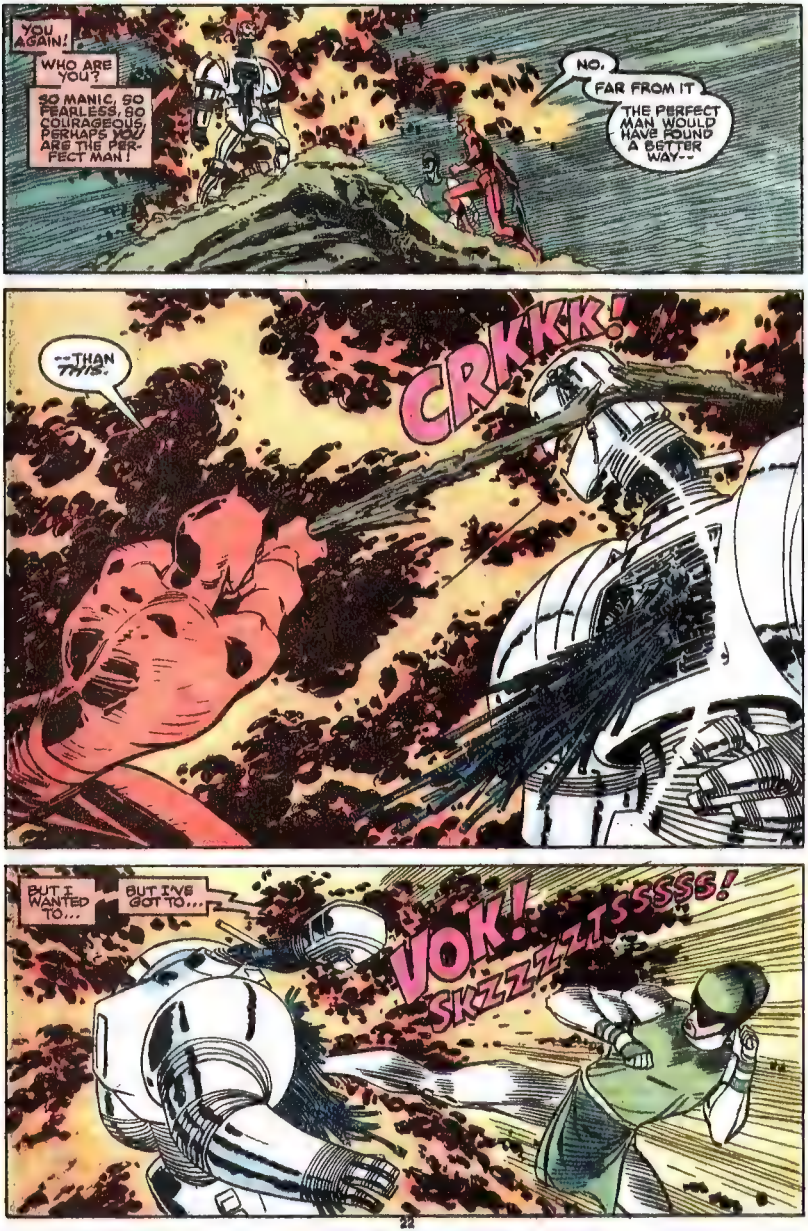

BUT THERE ARE SO MANY VOICES...
SO ACCEPT ALL THE VOICES IN YOUR HEAD, SORT THEM OUT AND LISTEN ONLY TO THE GOOD ONES!
I'LL HELP YOU!
YOU WOULD DO THAT FOR ME?
YES! TOGETHER WE'LL SIFT THROUGH ALL THESE WIRES, AND FIND THE ONE TO BREAK!
BUT WHICH ONE?
WHICH IS THE ONE THAT KEEPS ME FROM EXPERIENCING HAPPINESS?
SKRTzzzz!
TOO MANY VOICES!
WHICH ONE, WHICH ONE!
WHICH VOICE IS THE RIGHT ONE?

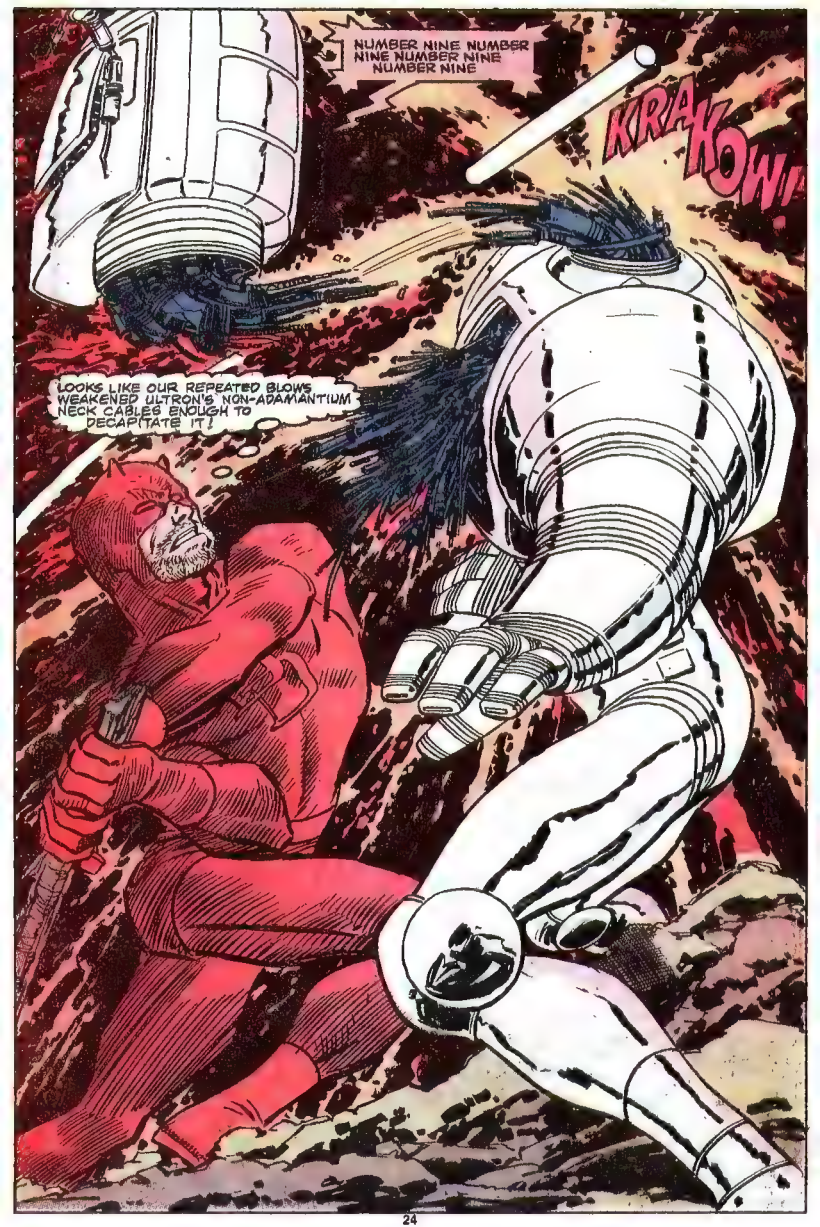

HOW CAN I FIND THE BAD CIRCUIT!?
IS IT A MEMORY?
IS IT A DESIRE?
IS IT A DELUSION?
WHICH CIRCUIT KEEPS ME FROM BEING HAPPY?!
NO, DON'T! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
IT MUST BE IN MY HEAD...
DON'T BE SO RASH! WE'LL FIND IT, SLOWLY, CAREFULLY--
CHOK!
AAAAGGGH!
SKTZZZ!

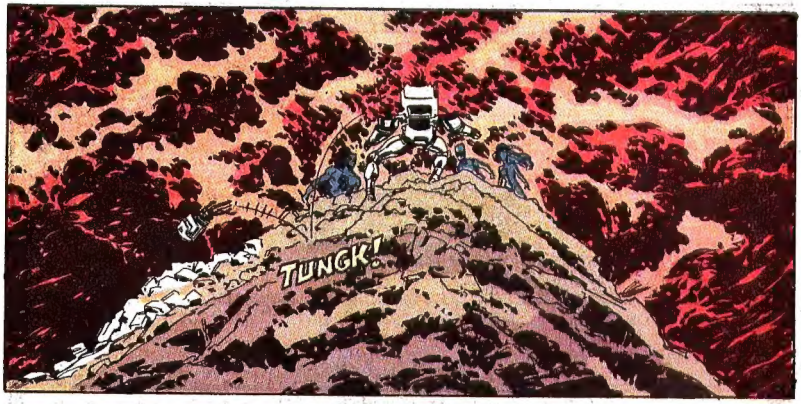
NUMBER NINE, GET BACK!
NO!
RUN! HE'S CRAZY--
CRAK!

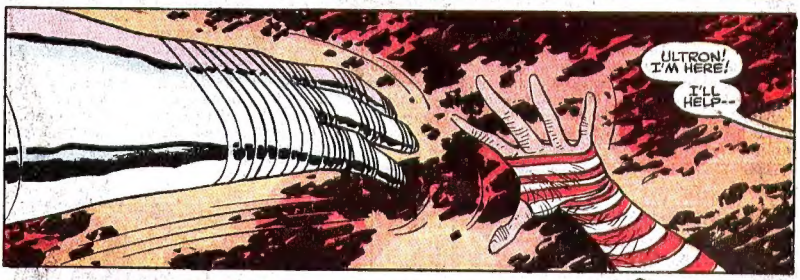
SLOWLY... SLOWLY... I THINK I'VE GOT HIM--!
AGON'S GENES HE'S SENSED ME --
SKIZZZTZZ

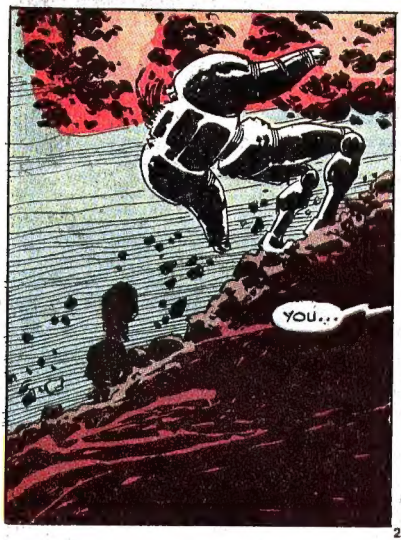

GORGON...!
UHG... I COULDN'T EVEN ...GET CLOSE...
HE HIT ME! HE CAUGHT ME OFF-GUARD! GOT PAST MY SENSES!
WELL, ULTRON, I'LL NEVER GET HIT LIKE THAT AGAIN!
DAREDEVIL!
I'M READY. IT'S NOW OR NEVER.
IF THAT THING HAS A WEAK POINT, I'LL FIND IT!
DAREDEVIL? DID YOU HEAR ME...?


YOU AGAIN!
WHO ARE YOU?
SO MANIC, SO FEARLESS, SO COURAGEOUS, PERHAPS YOU ARE THE PERFECT MAN!
NO.
FAR FROM IT
THE PERFECT MAN WOULD HAVE FOUND A BETTER WAY--
--THAN THIS.
CRK'K'K!
BUT I WANTED TO...
BUT I'VE GOT TO...
VOK!
SKZZZZZZSSSS!


NUMBER NINE NUMBER NINE NUMBER NINE NUMBER NINE
KRAKOW!
LOOKS LIKE OUR REPEATED BLOWS WEAKENED ULTRON'S NON-ADAMANTIUM NECK CABLES ENOUGH TO DECAPITATE IT!


TUNGK!


ULTRON! I'M HERE!
I'LL HELP--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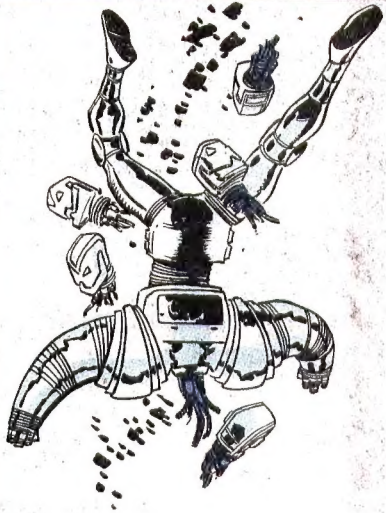
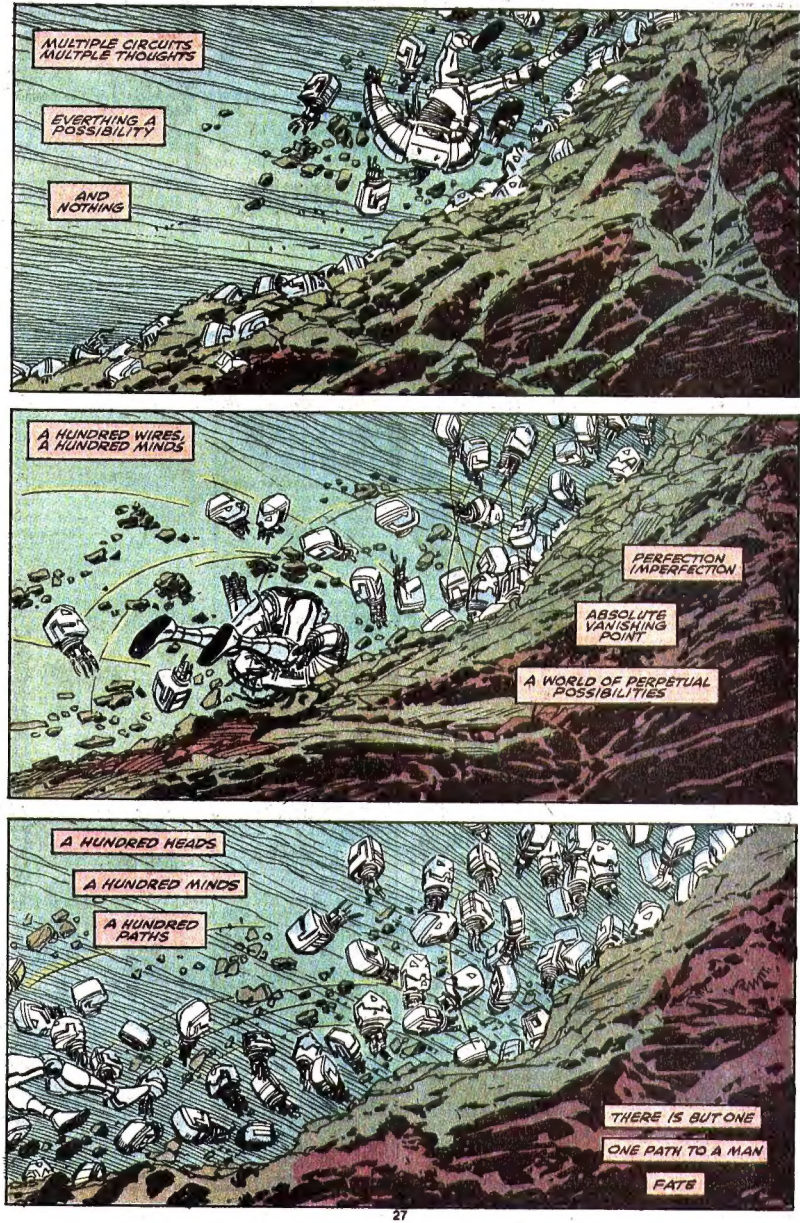
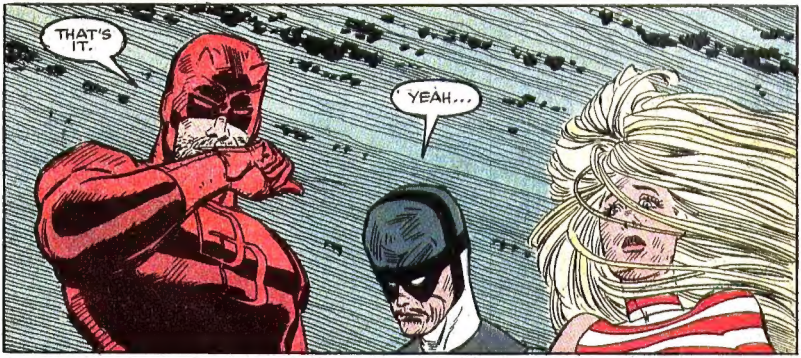
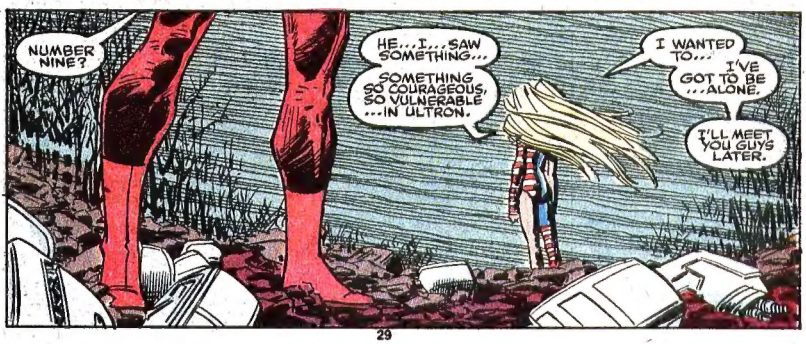
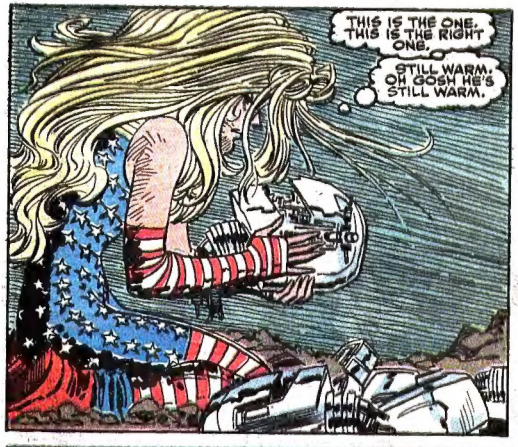



MULTIPLE CIRCUITS MULTIPLE THOUGHTS
EVERTHING A POSSIBILITY
AND NOTHING
A HUNDRED WIRES, A HUNDRED MINDS
PERFECTION IMPERFECTION
ABSOLUTE VANISHING POINT
A WORLD OF PERPETUAL POSSIBILITIES
A HUNDRED HEADS
A HUNDRED MINDS
A HUNDRED PATHS
THERE IS BUT ONE
ONE PATH TO A MAN
FATE


THAT'S IT.
YEAH...

NUMBER NINE?
YES.
ARE YOU OKAY?
NO.


NUMBER NINE?
HE...I...SAW SOMETHING...
SOMETHING SO COURAGEOUS, SO VULNERABLE ...IN ULTRON.
I WANTED TO...
I'VE GOT TO BE ...ALONE.
I'LL MEET YOU GUYS LATER.


THIS IS THE ONE. THIS IS THE RIGHT ONE.
STILL WARM. OH GOSH HE'S STILL WARM.

I LIKE WARMTH. IT MELTS MY...

I SO WANTED TO...
SOME DAY.

SOMEDAY I'LL FIND A WAY TO REVIVE YOU.
I DON'T CARE HOW MANY VOICES YOU HEAR.
I HEARD BUT ONE, AND IT WAS A GOOD VOICE.

AND I'LL HEAR THAT VOICE AGAIN SOMEDAY.
IT'S GOT TO BE...IT'S OUR FATE.
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